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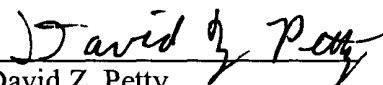
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.121

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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is presented in the format suggested in the Official Gazette Notice dated January 31, 2003, entitled, "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted." Prior to examination and issuance of any office action in this application, please amend the application in this case as follows: